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FOR TARNOFF FROM HOUGHTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: STROBE TALBOTT

1. MR. VANCE HAS ASKED THAT MAC TOON BE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIM TO GROMYKO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE TALBOTT CASE. THE FOLLOWING IS HIS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE, BUT HE WOULD LIKE YOU AND CHRIS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY SAID TO THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER:

"I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT STROBE TALBOTT OF TIME MAGAZINE HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA TO VISIT MOSCOW AS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH ME.

"I ASK THAT THIS DECISION BE RECONSIDERED AND REVERSED.

"THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS IN MOSCOW WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE. IN MY JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE VERY HARMFUL FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE US PRESS FOR A RESPECTED REPORTER OF A MAJOR US MAGAZINE TO BE REFUSED A VISA AS THESE MEETINGS START.

"I PERSONALLY KNOW TALBOTT. I DO NOT KNOW THE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL OF A VISA, BUT I KNOW HIM AS A MAN OF INDEPENDENCE AND
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INTEGRITY."

"I BELIEVE THAT A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WILL BE IMPORTANT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR THE VISIT."

2. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH A TEXT OF THE FINAL VERSION THAT IS

SENT TO MAC.

3. STROBE IS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF OUR EFFORTS TO GET THE DECISION REVERSED, AND HAS BEEN TOLD THAT MR. VANCE WILL BE SENDING GROMYKO A MESSAGE ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. HE AGREES THAT WHILE WE TRY TO SORT OUT THE MATTER IT SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE. UNFORTUNATELY HIS TRAVELLING COLLEAGUES HAVE THE STORY. HE HAS ATTEMPTED WITH THEM TO HEAD OFF AN EARLY BREAK; HOWEVER, GIVEN TRADITIONAL JOURNALISTIC COURTESY, THIS MAY NOW WORK.

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